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COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

TO THE LEGISLATURE, NOVEMBER 4, 1863.

ADDRESS OF THE COMMISSIONER.

Mr. President: On the first of the present

month of September, a Mass Convention of

the Union men of Missouri, was held at

Jefferson City. It was the largest Mass

Convention ever held in that State—men

from every quarter of the State were

present—all actuated by the spirit of unflinching

and unwavering loyalty to the Constitution

and the Union, and all earnestly desiring that your Administration

should be able to honor your own name and the good of our beloved

country.

Previous to the assembling of that Convention,

public meetings were held in the great

majority of the counties of the State, in almost

every one of which the Union men were

distinctly sustaining your administration, and

cordially endorsing those great features of

your policy—the protection of the Union

and the employment of negro troops—

upon which, in our opinion, the early success

of the Government in this war largely depends. The Mass Convention, like

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